



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64105**

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Today's announcement emphasizes the outstanding working relationships between local and federal law enforcement agencies, the state prosecutor and United States Attorney's Office. The announcement of this indictment is the result of diligence on the part of the Kansas City Missouri (KCMO) Police Department and the ability in addressing today's crimes successfully through information sharing and mutual cooperation.

In February 2005, a Special Agent of the FBI was assigned for a one month period to the homicide unit of the KCMO Police Department to enhance information sharing capabilities and strengthen existing relationships with local law enforcement. Through these relationships a joint investigation between the KCMO Police Department and the FBI was initiated. This joint investigation enabled us to take this senseless crime that was committed and put the full force of the Department of Justice and the judicial system to work.

This indictment sends a message to those who commit these heinous acts of violence. The FBI is fully committed to investigating racially motivated crimes and bringing forward a strong case for prosecution to the United States Attorney's Office.

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